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PLANNING UPDATE LOWER CLOVER ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

In June of this year, the Monongahela National Forest initiated a 30-day comment period for the Lower Clover environmental analysis, in accordance with 36 Code of Federal Regulation 215. We received several comments in response, which have since been reviewed and considered.

The Lower Clover Environmental Assessment was recently drafted and can be viewed on the Forest's website at www.fs.fed.us/r9/mnf/ under "Forest Planning". As with all our NEPA projects, the Forest is willing to accept feedback on this project until the Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact are signed.

At this time, we are working with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for concurrence with our findings on threatened and endangered species, putting the finishing touches on the analysis, and bringing together the project file.

If you would like a hardcopy of the EA, or if you have any questions, please contact Laura Hise, NEPA Specialist, at lhise@fs.fed.us or 304-636-1800, extension 219.

Sincerely,

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